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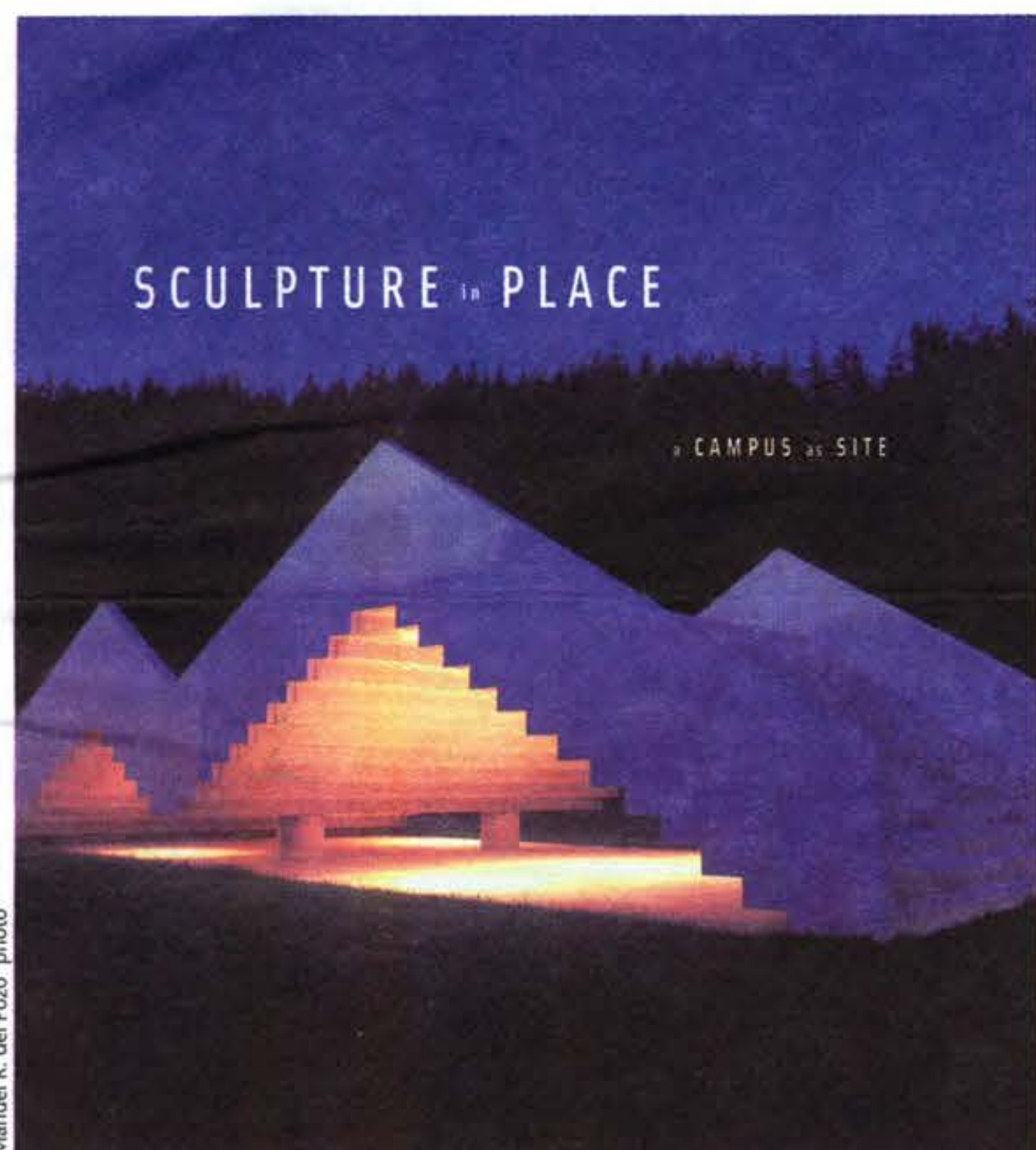
Faculty, staff and alumni publish creative and intellectual works



Bradley Smith, author of "Environmental Science: A Study of Interrelationships" and "Environmental Science Field Guide and Laboratory Manual"



Dawn Prince-Hughes, author of "Aquamarine Blue 5: Personal Stories of College Students with Autism"



Manuel R. del Pozo photo

By Robin Duranleau
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

As if planning curricula, running an art gallery or overseeing Huxley College isn't enough, many Western faculty and staff have found time not only to work, but to have their creative works published for wide audiences.

A number have been honored for their books, including history professor Allan Gallay who won the 2003 Bancroft Prize. (See page 6.)

Western alumni have been active as well. (See page 6/7.)

From textbooks to poetry, Western's diverse and expert group of authors has grown over the last few months. Their subjects range from environmental science to gymnastics.

Western Gallery director Sarah Clark-Langager's book "Sculpture in Place - a Campus as Site" (WWU and Marquand Books, distributed by University of Washington Press, \$29.95) was released early this year.

The book features color photographs of Western's internationally celebrated Outdoor Sculpture Collection, accompanied by text that offers a unique perspective on the 22 works in the collection. Clark-Langager says the book gives "equal voice to the art historian and artist."

The sculptures include New York-based artist Nancy Holt's "Rock Rings" found on south campus, and Isamu Noguchi's "Skyviewing Sculpture" located in Red Square.

Anthropology adjunct professor Dawn Prince-Hughes studies adults diagnosed with autism. Her "Aquamarine Blue 5: Personal Stories of College Students with Autism," (Ohio University/Swallow Press, \$14.95) released in November, illustrates unique problem-solving skills autistic college students possess.



Diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, a form of autism, Prince-Hughes says she believes people with autism spectrum disorders have a predisposition to excel in academia, despite the numerous obstacles they may endure.

Taking a different approach to communicating with students, Huxley College of the Environment Dean Bradley Smith's world renowned textbooks "Environmental Science: A Study of Interrelationships" and "Environmental Science Field Guide and Laboratory Manual" (McGraw-Hill, \$79.19 and \$39.06) were both reissued in their ninth editions in March.

Used in more than 500 colleges around the globe and translated into Chinese and Korean, Smith's text discusses major environmental issues, including nuclear energy and the study of ecosystems.

Also from Huxley, environmental science chair John "Jack" Hardy's text "Global Climate Change: Causes, Effects and Solutions" (John Wiley & Sons, \$120) was printed in April.

Hardy addresses the climate change challenge the world faces today. Focusing on fossil fuels and the emission of greenhouse gases, Hardy discusses how these issues have altered the chemistry of the Earth's atmosphere.

Nationally recognized for his expertise on the electoral process, political science professor Todd Donovan explores the idea of cumulative voting in his new book "Electoral Reform and Minority Representation" (Ohio State University Press, \$47.95).

Released in March, Donovan's book examines a system in which a voter may pool votes for a single candidate rather than casting one vote for each position. For example, instead of voting for each position on a ballot, a voter may use all votes toward one single position.

Also published by Ohio State University Press, "Sexual Borderlands" (\$29.95)

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Shannon Point garners presidential honors, grant for marine science program and diversity

Under the wing of the Shannon Point Marine Center in Anacortes, the Minorities in Marine Science Undergraduate Program has earned two coveted national awards. In a March 18 White House ceremony, Shannon Point director Stephen Sulkin accepted the 2002 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring. The National Science Foundation administers the award, which carries a \$10,000 grant.

A day later, MIMSUP's founding director Brian Bingham, associate professor of environmental sciences, received a Coastal and Ocean Resource Management Excellence Award from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. One of six people in the nation NOAA honored for research and community endeavors related to coasts and oceans, Bingham was specifically cited for "promoting diversity."

Shannon Point also received an \$863,000 National Science Foundation grant to extend its unique, nationally recognized minority education program through 2008.

Woodring partners with "best" teachers

A new partnership between Woodring College of Education and teachers who have achieved recognition as the "most accomplished" in their profession, will assist teachers in the region to apply for and successfully complete a rigorous one-year national certification process. Woodring faculty and teachers certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards will help applicants from north Snohomish County to the Canadian border demonstrate that they are among America's most effective teachers.

Western alumni who are among the state's 215 nationally certified teachers are: Joan Beardsley ('86), Beth Anne Crissy ('99), John E. Freal ('84), Lisa Baretta ('92), Rachel Sadri ('95), Valerie Strong ('82) and Debra Rose Howell ('84).

Nancy J. Johnson wins Arbuthnot Award

Nancy J. Johnson, professor of children's literature, received this year's Arbuthnot Award, an honor given by the International Reading Association. Johnson was one of 15 children's literature experts nationwide who read hundreds of books last year to select the winner of the 2003 Newbery Award. The Arbuthnot Award is named after Mary Hill Arbuthnot, an advocate for children's literature. It is given annually to a college or university teacher who inspires the reading of children's literature.

2003 football season will be a tough one

Four games against NCAA Division II playoff teams highlight the tough schedule the Vikings football team faces in the fall. Western, which was 6-4 last year, will play six of its 10 games on the road and has just one game against a team that had a losing record in 2002. The Vikings open the season by hosting St. Cloud State on Sept. 4 and will host Central Washington University for the Homecoming game, Oct. 25.

Peace Corps ranks WWU alumni tops

Western has been ranked fourth in the nation among medium-sized institutions in the Peace Corps' list of Top Producing Colleges and Universities. Gaddi Vasquez, director of the Peace Corps, said the 46 WWU alumni working to fight hunger and poverty in the developing world "apply the skills and knowledge they acquired during their time at your institution to help improve the lives of many people in need." The ranking "clearly reflects the high caliber of the students who attend your institution," he added.

Whatcom Creek film documents economic, social, cultural resource

The history and future of Whatcom Creek as an economic, cultural and social resource – most remembered since 1999 as the pipeline explosion site – is the focus of a new 30-minute documentary film. Produced by the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies at Western, "Creek Story" is funded by a grant from the Whatcom Community Foundation.

"Like the water that runs through it, Whatcom Creek's tale flows through the history of Bellingham," says Elizabeth Joffrion, an archivist at the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies who worked on the film. "Creek Story" features interviews, conducted and narrated by WWU faculty, with notable community members, including Bellingham Mayor Mark Asmundson ('76), environmental leaders and Lummi elders. The film is directed by WWU alumnus and Fairhaven faculty member Dan Hammill ('02) and Sukhi Sanghera, winner of the Best of Projections and Best Documentary Short at the 2002 Whatcom Film Association Projections Festival.

County businesses aided by SBDC

Although 2002 was a challenging year for Whatcom County businesses, the Small Business Development Center saved or created 388 jobs while counseling 429 businesses. A service of the College of Business and Economics, SBDC aided 7 percent of the county's companies in 2002.

STUDY CANADA in 25th year at WWU

Teachers, librarians and French language instructors will have the opportunity to learn how to incorporate the study of Canada into their curriculum during two K-12 STUDY CANADA workshops offered June 22-27 at Canada House. Participants will earn two credits. Both workshops are \$500 with a \$100 nonrefundable deposit due with the application for registration. Additional expenses for parking, curriculum materials, and campus room and board for five days are covered by grant funding. For more information: (360) 650-7370.

WWU will have two new colleges in September

Western will have two new colleges in the fall: the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Science and Technology.

Acting on the recommendation of President Karen W. Morse, the Board of Trustees in December unanimously approved the creation of two colleges from departments currently in the College of Arts and Sciences.

"The formation of the two colleges is an important opportunity that will strengthen the university and its central mission of teaching and scholarship," Morse said. "The result should be a better student learning environment at a time when we face a more complex,

rapidly changing environment in higher education."

Board chair Betty Woods said dividing the College of Arts and Sciences, which contains 57 percent of Western's faculty, "places Western in a stronger position to serve some of the finest students in our state and to attract resources that will enhance an already excellent academic reputation."

The board authorized searches for deans of both colleges and supported development of administrative plans, in collaboration with the fac-

ulty, to set up "strong and viable colleges."



Board members noted that creation of the two colleges will enable the university to better respond to a changing academic and economic environment and to meet future educational demands.

They also determined that the ability of the two smaller colleges to focus more closely on educational, programmatic and fund-raising opportunities will benefit students and faculty.

Morse noted that changes in administrative structure have taken place throughout the life of Western.

In June 1975, then-President Jerry Flora proposed three new colleges: the College of Business and Economics, the College of Education and the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

The complete text of President Morse's recommendation, which includes addressing concerns by faculty, is available at <http://www.wwu.edu/depts/president/Announcements2002.shtml>

Viking basketball players set school records

Western's women's basketball team made its sixth straight appearance at the national playoffs this year after clinching a 20-win season, also for the sixth consecutive year.

The men's team, meanwhile, completed its season 16-11 overall.

The Viking women were upset by Northwest Nazarene University, 83-79, in the first round of the West Regional of the NCAA Division II National Women's Basketball Championship.

They ended their season 22-6, placing second in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference standings.



Senior forward Stacey Miller of Bellingham was a first-team Women's Basketball Coaches Association, unanimous GNAC all-star and a Daktronics West Region all-star. She finished second nationally in 3-point percentage, scoring on 57 of 123 shots beyond the arc, and she set a school career record of 44.3 percent for 3-pointers (155 of 350).

Leading the men's team was center Mike Palm, a senior from Puyallup, the team's leading scorer and leading rebounder in school history with 874.



Lynne Masland photo

Higher Education Day

WWU President Karen Morse led a delegation of alumni and other supporters to Olympia March 26 in the third biennial Higher Education Day. Activities, designed to encourage financial support for public colleges and universities, began with a briefing for Western alumni in an Olympia restaurant. Among those attending (from left) were Ted Pratt ('81/'93), Bob Rowher ('85), Catharin Nordmark ('90), Tom Keeney ('71), Joe Henry ('68), Kay Hovde ('84), Judy McNickle ('66) and (seated) Amanda Fuetz, a senior who represents the Associated Students and the Washington Student Lobby. Alumni also hosted a lunch for legislators and former Govs. Dan Evans and Booth Gardner, a press conference on the Capitol grounds and a reception in the governor's mansion.

With spring, hope and creativity bloom

By Karen W. Morse
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

After the darkness of winter, especially a winter fraught with national anxiety, spring symbolizes hope and a surge of creativity. Nowhere is this more evident than on Western's campus.

May 12-16, we celebrate Scholars' Week, when we share the fruits of student research and creativity achieved in collaboration with talented faculty mentors. Immediately following is Showtime Family Weekend, May 16-18, featuring outstanding performances, outdoor activities and student events.

Creativity is the topic of this issue's cover story on faculty, alumni and staff authors. One of those authors is Outdoor Sculpture Collection curator Sarah Clark-Langager. Her "Sculpture in Place - a Campus as Site" is a lavish tribute to Western's acclaimed collection, with color photos and statements from all the artists whose works adorn the campus.

Speaking of books, English professor Nancy Johnson received this year's Arbuthnot Award from the International Reading Association, honoring her as a world leader in children's literature.

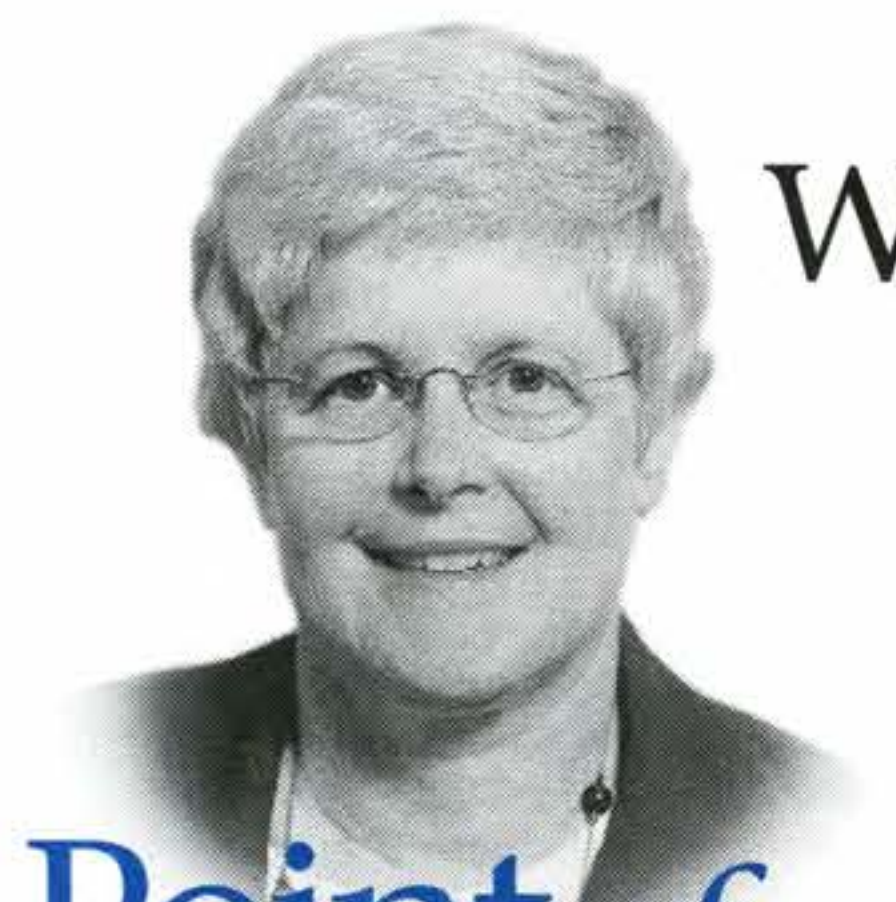
One of our many creative alumni returned in March to perform with the Montréal Danse troupe during the American College Dance Festival, hosted at Western for the first time by dance program director Nolan Dennett and his faculty. Abbie Anderson joined the company after her 2002 graduation. Her short-range plans include working with children, first in Seattle, then in an orphanage in Ghana, before further pursuing her own dance career.

Innovation thrives across the spectrum of disciplines. Under the guidance of industrial design associate professor Arunas Oslapas, for example, two students won first place awards at the sixth annual Industrial Design Resource Awards contest in Kanagawa, Japan, top-

ping 200 entries from schools in 23 nations. Three others earned honorable mention or recognition, giving Western five distinguished winners, more than any other competing school.

National recognition has recently come to history professor Alan Gallay whose latest book, "The Indian Slave Trade: the Rise of the English Empire in the American South, 1670-1717," won this year's Bancroft Prize. It also was a Choice magazine selection as an Outstanding Academic Title for 2002. Associate chemistry professor James Vyvyan, was honored by the National Science Foundation with a Faculty Early Career Development award.

This is just a glimpse of the breadth of creativity our faculty, alumni, staff and students exhibit throughout the year. You can read more about their accomplishments in this, and every, issue of *Window on Western*. But, please, come back and see for yourself, in spring when the campus is in full bloom - or in any season.



Point of VIEW

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1922 — Pearl Mead celebrated her 100th birthday on Nov. 3 at Colonial Vista in Wenatchee.

1955 — Mary Hash is constantly on the go since retiring from the Enumclaw School District as a teacher. Hash volunteers with the juvenile court system, Enumclaw Community Hospital Foundation, Relay for Life, Cops for Kids and other cancer walks. Hash is undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

1957 — Gary Radliff was inducted into the Washington State High School Coaches' Hall of Fame. Radliff coached the varsity basketball team at Enumclaw High School for 25 years.

1970 — Gary Tollefson was named president of Skagit Valley College by the school's board of trustees.

1972 — Paul Herbold, Jr. is the senior management corporate safety director for Diamond B. Constructors in Bellingham. ... Dean Sandell retired from the Whatcom County

Sheriff's Department after 34 years of service. ... Jerry Writer, owner of San Juan Electronics in Bellingham, was selected by the National Marine Electronics Association as technician of the year. Writer has been in business in Whatcom County for more than 30 years.

1973 — Timothy Ely has published three books and is currently working on nine different books in his studio/home in Colfax. Ely is also an artist and some of his works can be viewed at the Museum of Modern Art, the Library of Congress, the National Gallery of Art, Victoria & Albert Museum in London and many other public museums throughout the world.

1974 — Linda Rotmark is director of the Pacific County Economic Development Council in Raymond. ... Guy Stricherz has published "Americans in Kodachrome 1945-1965."

1977 — Susan Bondurant has just opened a solo law practice in Port Angeles. She had been practicing in New York City after receiving her J.D. in 1989 from New York Law School. Bondurant is also a calligrapher and

painter and is enjoying the beauty of the peninsula. ... Taimi Gorman of Gorman Publicity has been appointed to the Washington Small Business Development Center Advisory Board. ... Charles Hasse has been a teacher for 25 years and president of Washington Education Association since July 2001.

1980 — Wayne Hussey created a 7.5-foot scale model of a Washington state ferry from Legos that was on display at the NWBrickCon, a Lego-building convention and exhibit, in Seattle.

1981 — Lynn Keebaugh Stetson retired from newspapers in 2001 and now works as a writer for World Vision Ministry in Federal Way. She and longtime partner Larry Stetson have a 2-year-old granddaughter.

1982 — Kris Bourne is the president and chief executive officer of digital.forest, a web-hosting company in Bothell that has more than 2,500 customers. ... Jason Ford recently left his nine-year position as cartographer at a San Diego real estate firm and is now training for the AIDS Lifecycle bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles this June. Ford lives in a 1920s home with his partner, Rob Howarth.

1984 — Elaine Porterfield works as a reporter for the Seattle P-I. ... Lt. Col. Wes S. Weston was deployed with the Marine Corps on the USS Nassau amphibious ready group. He landed in Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

1986 — Susan Anderson is president and CEO of the CIRI Foundation in Anchorage. The CIRI Foundation helps Alaska Natives gain economic self-sufficiency and cultural pride through education.

1987 — Heidi Grant Murphy debuted at the Lincoln Center in February. ... Laura Towey Pierce, editor of the *Courier-Times* in Sedro-Woolley, received a fellowship to attend a national science writers' convention in Missouri last October. She has a 7-year-old daughter, Amelia, and has taken up mountain climbing.

1989 — David Eldred is the assistant vice president and marketing director at Peoples Bank in Mount Vernon.

1990 — Paul Otto is a professor of history at George Fox University in Newberg, Ore. ... Bill Reed teaches at Everett Community College and helped put together the first EvCC Snohomish County Students of Color Career Conference in January 2003. ... John Voth was promoted to vice president of the Mount Vernon office of Horizon Bank.

1992 — Susan Adams is a doctoral student in the composition and cultural studies program at Syracuse University in New York. ... Lance Bailey and Kristine Kager have opened a catering company in Whatcom County called Fools Onion Catering and Professional Chef Service. ... Anthony Collins and his wife, Kay, opened the Ready to Eat Restaurant in Ferndale. ... Lorraine DeKruyf is an assistant professor of counseling at George Fox University in Newberg, Ore. ... Vanessa Loveland Nicholson is the director of marketing for Argosy Cruises in Seattle. ... Katti Telstad has been admitted to the California bar. Telstad has practiced law in Bellingham since 1996. ... Mark Wright teaches U.S. history and Japanese at Bellingham High School; coaches girls'

soccer and girls' basketball; and has released 4 CDs with the band Middle 8. The band's Web site is at www.seventhheaven.com

1993 — Maureen McCarthy Camandona is the community relations director for Whatcom Transportation Authority. ... G. Valmont Thomas is performing in his sixth season with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland.

1995 — Godot Gutierrez is a production artist with GA Design in Bellevue. ... Eric Johnson received a master's degree in cell and developmental biology from UC-Davis in spring 2002.

1996 — Selwyn Foster is a language arts instructor at Granite Falls Middle School. ... Merina (Warnstadt) Hanson was promoted to senior coordinator for the city of Kent Housing & Human Services in January 2003. Hanson and her husband Kurt Hanson ('98), live in Maple Valley and are expecting their first baby in May. She can be reached at merinahanson@hotmail.com.

1997 — Nadine Allen teaches science part-time in a shared job at an elementary school in North Kitsap. Allen does volunteer public relations for the "Abraham's House" charity and is an artist. Allen's work was displayed at a show in November at the Starbucks coffee shop in Clear Creek Plaza in Silverdale. ... Ivan Black co-founded Dead End Street, an Internet publishing business. Black is the technical guru in the business, which publishes stories in digital form, including on CD-ROMs. Lauren Russell has an MPA from Cornell University's Institute for Public Affairs. In August, she was sworn in as foreign service officer for the United States Agency for International Development. Russell can be reached at LRussell@usaid.gov.

1998 — Laura Randall opened an accounting service company in Stanwood, L&L Bean Counters. Randall offers a full range of tax, accounting, bookkeeping and graphic design services.

1999 — Jeff Betz is the new athletic director for the Ferndale Boys and Girls Club. ... Meghan Dougherty is in her third year teaching first grade at Christ the King School in Seattle, which is where she went to school. Dougherty was one of 100 K-2 teachers in Washington to receive a Gates Foundation technology grant from the Teacher Leadership Project. ... Torrey Speer owns an Emerald City Smoothie in Bellingham at the Lakeway Center. ECS sells nutritional beverages, low-fat snacks and vitamin and mineral supplements. ... Sara Stephens is a communications manager at Microsoft's services division. She's planning a July wedding to Troy Hyatt.

2000 — Carl Bjornstal is serving as a sergeant first class in a NATO Stabilization Force in Bosnia. Every Saturday he speaks for an hour on a local radio station to improve relations between the soldiers and the Bosnian children. He expects to be there until at least May 2003. ... Rod Cann works for Whidbey Island Bank in Bellingham in the commercial lending division. ... Amanda Olsen is building a home with friends in Issaquah after spending six months playing professional basketball in Turkey. Her team, Yilbrom Bosna, missed the Turkish national playoffs in 2002 by one game. ...

WEDDINGS

1989 — Brett Lange and Tamara Bailey, Oct. 5.

1992 — Stacy Baker and Eric Hill, July 27. ... Joan Elmenhurst and Brian Howton, Nov. 23.

1994 — Scott Gehring and Heather Ferris, Sept. 28. ... Jaymie Johnson and Kevin Lint, Nov. 16. ... Renee Marr and James Quick, Oct. 5.

1995 — Erica Kleinknecht and William O'Shea, Jan. 25. ... Aaron Moldver and Christy Vath, Sept. 7. ... Julie Skillings and Jason Robertson, June 22.

1996 — Courtney Bertsch and Steven Martin, Aug. 17. ... Jasen McEathron and Billie Jo Fulton, Aug. 17.

1997 — Valerie Payne and Mark Custodio, Aug. 3. ... Elizabeth Smith and Curtis Gramelspacher, July 27.

1998 — Cheryl Atwater and Vall Miller, Sept. 14. ... Karen Bryant and Matthew Smith, Aug. 17. ... Karin Erickson and Kevin Schuyleman, Sept. 28. ... Norilyn Narvaez and Jay Faustino Villasor de la Pena Jr. ('98), Aug. 24. ... Carrie Palmer and Justin Hall, Sept. 14. ... Jeannie Petry and Loren Van Corbach, Aug. 31. ... April Sass and Scott Sartorius, July 13.

1999 — Krista Alciati and Brian Frederickson, July 21. ... Amanda Ayers and Warren Wright, Sept. 21. ... Cathryn Johnson and Michael Evans, Dec. 27. ... Alden Linn and Tisha Edelman, Sept. 7. ... Richard Stewart and Jessica McCaslin ('00), Jan. 18. ... Sarah Webb and Brian Arnold, Aug. 17.

2000 — Sarah Bakke and Nils Knudsen, Feb. 22. ... Jessica McCaslin and Richard Stewart ('99), Jan. 18. ... Ginny O'Donel and Jon Hansen, July 21. ... Nadene Pearson and Drew Vincent, Sept. 28.

2001 — Kristin Hendrickson and Nathan Lunderville, Aug. 24. ... Jasmine Jordan and Nicholas Rubert, Aug. 24. ... Meghan Luke and Aaron Toso, Aug. 10. ... Janna Martin and Dillon Fornia ('02), Aug. 2. ... Renee Miller and Joshua Almy ('01), July 19. ... Kara Munce and Brett Durbin ('01), July 27. ... Rachel Price and John Strachan, Sept. 21. ... Shannon Ross and Jace McMaster, June 15. ... Beth Warter and Sonoch Ith ('02), Aug. 4. ... Joseph Wiederhold and Kristina Norton, Aug. 3. ... Julie Wilson and Richard Kuehn, Nov. 2.

2002 — Dillon Fornia and Janna Martin ('01), Aug. 2. ... Sonoch Ith and Beth Warter ('01), Aug. 4. ... Michael Levine and Lisa Schneider, Oct. 19. ... Sara Peters and Cory Warnock, June 1.

Alumni score high in CPA exam

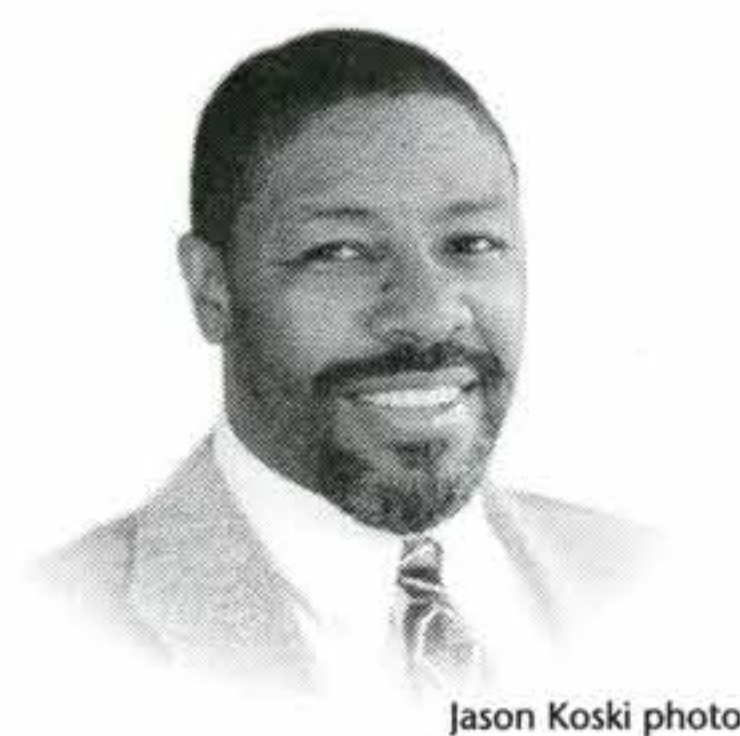
Three Western accounting alumni earned top scores in Washington state's 2002 Certified Public Accounting exam. The exam is national but given at the state level. It is required for those who wish to become auditors.

The following Western alumni were top scorers:

- Monica Beth Miller ('02), who works for KPMG in Seattle, was No. 1 in the state.
- Rachel Price ('01) earned fourth place in Washington. She lives in Everson and is an assistant state auditor.
- Cambria Brighten ('01) was No. 9 in Washington. She works for Dawson and Gerbic in Seattle.

Ted Pratt is Hall of Famer

Ted Pratt ('81/'93), interim director of alumni affairs at WWU, was named to the Mount Tahoma High School "Alumni Hall of Fame."



Jason Koski photo

Anderson returns to WWU stage

Abbie Anderson ('02) rejoined Montréal Danse to twirl and leap on familiar floorboards in March for a performance as part of the annual American College Dance Festival, hosted this year by Western. Anderson joined the Canadian dance group after her graduation in August 2002. She was with the group from mid-September to the end

of October 2002. She was given the rare opportunity to work with the acclaimed group when a dancer was injured on the eve of a three-week tour. "Working with Montréal Danse helped me take my dancing a step further," she said. "In performing, I feel like I realized new potential in myself."

IN MEMORIAM

Tim Prussic is the preacher at Reformed Covenant Church in Elma. Prussic is also attending Western Reformed Seminary in Tacoma. ... **Bobby Stone**, who has been working for Golin/Harris International in Seattle for three years, is engaged to marry fellow Western graduate **Wes Beeman** ('02) in June.

2001 — **Brook Barnett's** and **James Eisenhart's** art work was on display at Lucia Douglas Gallery in Bellingham in January. ... **Wendy Hagin**, and her husband **Dean**, welcomed **Michael Wang Zeming Hagin** to their family on Nov. 7, 2002. Michael weighed in at 10 lbs. 9 oz. and was 22 inches long. ... **David Johnson** graduated with honors from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy of the Washington State Criminal Justice Commission at Burien in October 2002. ... **Lisa Timm** is the education and outreach manager for the Tacoma Youth Symphony Association.

2002 — **Amy Chaloupka's** art work was on display at Douglas Gallery in Bellingham during January 2003. ... **Eric Conn** of Food Not Lawns, has been creating sustainable organic food systems (gardens) in the Bellingham area. Conn hopes to further the concept of community sustainability. ... **Jennifer Doll** teaches fifth grade at Twin Lakes Elementary in Federal Way. ... **Jeffrey Leander** is the store manager for Abercrombie and Fitch in Bellingham. ... **Lisa Seton** is a special education instructor at Grand Mound Elementary School in Tenino. ... **Curt Woodward** works for the Associated Press in Helena, Mont., and is covering the 2003 state Legislature.

1927 — **Isabel P. Dunbar**, 98, a retired educator, June 24, in Methow.

1929 — **Rose Nelsson**, 94, a retired secretary for the Tacoma School District, Sept. 19, in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

1930 — **Luola Days White Berg**, 93, a retired bank teller, in Bothell, Nov. 28.

1931 — **Katherine Olson**, 92, a retired teacher, in Bellingham Dec. 25.

1936 — **Marion Oppelt**, 89, a retired educator and founder of Pierce College, in Lakewood in January 2003.

1937 — **Kern Grimes**, 93, a retired shipwright, journeyman carpenter, carpentry teacher and volunteer, in Bellingham on March 2.

1940 — **Harold Stevenson**, 85, a retired teacher, coach and principal, in Edmonds Nov. 29.

1941 — **Mary Luccolini McMinimee**, 86, a retired teacher and homemaker, in Outlook, Wash., Dec. 24. ... **Walter Wilkinson**, 87, a retired mill work manager, in Bellingham Feb. 27.

1948 — **John S. Thompson**, 79, in Bellingham Jan. 2.

1950 — **Ruth Denton**, 93, a retired teacher, in Skagit Valley Jan. 5.

1951 — **Joan Brown**, 73, a retired teacher, in Everett Dec. 13.

1952 — **Gene Nye**, 73, a retired state employee, in Olympia, Nov. 5. ... **William Van Brocklin**, 72, a retired teacher and principal, in Stanwood Dec. 24.

1953 — **Geraldine Dodsworth**, 71, a retired teacher, in Auburn, May 14, 2002.

1954 — **Helen Macy**, 103, a retired social worker, in Bellingham Nov. 29.

1956 — **Gene Curtis**, 79, a retired educator, in Centralia on May 18.

1957 — **Robert Duvall**, 72, a retired teacher, in Olympia Nov. 25. ... **Robert Eacrett**, 69, a retired teacher, in Shelton Jan. 21.

1959 — **Greta Bayes**, 90, a retired teacher, in Lynden Nov. 10.

1962 — **Robert P. Downey**, 68, a retired teacher, in Missoula, Mont., Nov. 6. ... **Chuck Maiden**, 83, a retired teacher, Feb. 10.

1963 — **Charles Solem**, 68, a retired teacher, in Lake Stevens Nov. 24.

1966 — **Milton Mower**, 71, a retired educator, in Olympia Nov. 6. ... **Robert Phinney**, 79, a retired teacher, in Everett Oct. 10.

1967 — **Carol Ann Blum Anderson**, 57, in Port Coquitlam, B.C. Nov. 24.

1969 — **Darlene Doyle**, 58, an educator in the Oroville School District, in Seattle Nov. 14.

1972 — **Vincent Martin**, 78, a retired millwright, in Spokane Nov. 2.

1973 — **Dennis Pemberton**, 54, an employee at Boeing, Feb. 1.

1974 — **Janet Scanga**, 51, a social worker, in Bellingham Jan. 5.

1977 — **Jessie Kinnear Kenton**, 85, a life long ecumenical worker in Seattle, in Kent Dec. 7. ... **Paul Thomas Williams**, 47, an imagery analyst with the National Imagery & Mapping Agency, from a heart attack Feb. 17 in Mount Vernon.

1982 — **Steven Allen Jones**, 49, from complications of lung and brain cancer on Mercer Island Dec. 7.

1986 — **Linda Gojenol**, 60, a teacher at Everett Community College and WWU, in Everett Feb. 12.

1989 — **Sandie McPeak Hodges**, 65, in Oregon Aug. 14.

2000 — **Paul-Michael Herman**, 25, in a train accident in Reno, Nev., Jan. 7. ... **Gloria V. Wifler**, 47, in Anacortes Dec. 2.

2002 — **Izach David Ross**, 22, in Spokane Feb. 6.

FACULTY, STAFF & FRIENDS

Jerome Glass, a music professor and conductor at Western for 28 years, Feb. 20. Recently inducted into the Washington Music Educators Hall of Fame, Glass also conducted the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra for 11 years and the Jewish Community Centre Chamber Orchestra in Vancouver, B.C.

Beverly Hanna, 79, an administrative secretary in the speech pathology department from 1968 to 1983, Jan. 5.

Lorraine Mathies, 83, longtime leader of the American Association of University Women, Jan. 2.

John Miller, 86, a retired Realtor and a Western benefactor, March 18.

George S. Roberts, 86, retired WWU security guard, Jan. 15.

Dick VanDemark, a maintenance mechanic in the WWU physical plant from 1970 to 1993, Feb. 24.

Carl Simpson

Carl Simpson, 58, sociology professor, head of Western's Office of Survey Research, and director of Institutional Planning and Research, died Jan. 28.

He joined the faculty in 1978 and chaired the sociology department from 1990 to 1994. He was a consultant to the U.S. Department of Labor and the state Employment Security Department, and in 1999 he founded Applied Research Northwest, a survey research business.

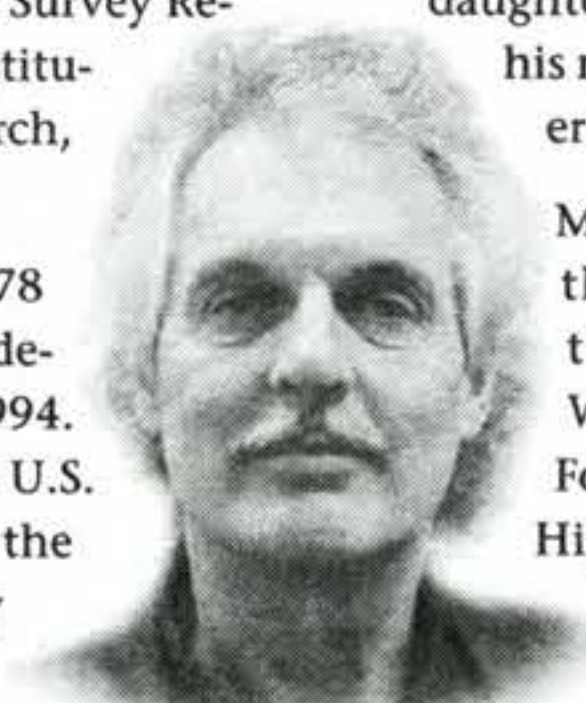


Photo by Ernie Sams
Carl Simpson

Survivors include his wife, Janet; a daughter, Jessica; a son Matthew; his mother, Lucile; and brothers Don and Steve.

Memorials may be made to the Carl Simpson Fund through the Western Washington University Foundation, MS-9034, 516 High St., Bellingham, WA 98225-9034.

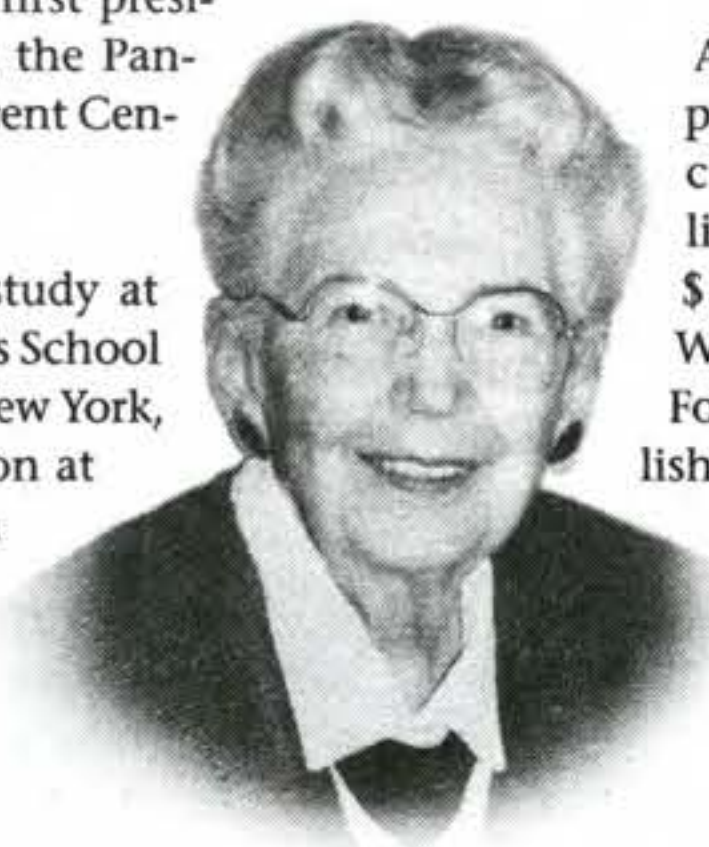
Retired Western librarian Miriam Snow Mathes

Miriam Snow Mathes, 97, a professor of library science from 1934-1971 and the daughter-in-law of the late Edward T. Mathes, Western's first president, died Jan. 31 in the Panorama City Convalescent Center in Lacey.

After college and study at Columbia University's School of Library Service in New York, she accepted a position at the then Bellingham State Normal School in 1934. Intending to stay only a year or two, she served as children's literature librarian, Campus School librarian and professor of library science until retirement in 1971.

In 1936, she helped found Western's program to prepare teachers as school library and library media center professionals.

In 1951, she married **Homer B. Mathes**, son of Western's first president. He preceded her in death.



Miriam Snow Mathes

A prolific contributor to the professional literature of children's and school librarianships, she donated \$50,000 to the Western Washington University Foundation in 1991 to establish the **Edward Tilden Mathes** scholarship, in memory of her father-in-law.

Several years later, she presented her extensive collection of reading figurines to Western, pieces of which are often displayed in Wilson Library.

Surviving are stepsons **H. Bernard Mathes** and **Graham E. Mathes** and their families.

Michael K. Mischaikow

Michael K. Mischaikow, 85, professor emeritus of economics who taught in the College of Business and Economics for 24 years, died April 13, in Bellingham.

Mischaikow helped establish Huxley College and served as interim dean during 1977-78.

In 1984, he received the Outstanding Teacher Award, Western's highest recognition of teaching performance.

He was a founder of the *Annals of Regional Science*, a journal on urban, regional and environmental research and policy. He was instrumental in creating the Pacific Regional Science Conference and was voted "Honorary President for Life."

Active in the community, Mischaikow served on the Board of Freeholders who wrote Bellingham's city charter in 1972, and he won the 1974 Chamber of Commerce award for outstanding community service.

Survivors include his wife, **Eleanor**; sons **Konstantin**, a mathematics professor at Georgia Institute of Technology, and **Ted**, president of Trillium Corp. and a board and executive board member of the WWU Foundation and WWU Alumni Association; a daughter, **Monica Ramsey** of Seattle; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the **Michael K. Mischaikow Essay Fund**, WWU Foundation, MS-9034, 516 High St., Bellingham, WA, 98225-9034.

Faculty, staff are prolific at authoring

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by history professor **Kathleen Kennedy** was released in January.

An anthology of essays on the history of sexuality, Kennedy's book explores topics such as how immigration laws have shaped the formation of family in both China and the United States, and how the changes in sexual values influenced a presidential race in the 1800s.

Suzanne Paola and **Brenda Miller**, associate and assistant professors of English, have put together a new text titled "Tell it Slant: Writing and Shaping Creative Nonfiction" (McGraw-Hill, June 2003). The book is the first comprehensive text covering all aspects of nonfiction writing and features an anthology of collected readings.

Paola also had a collection of poems published in November titled "Lives of the Saints" (University of Washington Press, \$13.95). Paola, recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts Literature Fellowship for 2002-2003, explores the intersections between spirituality, secularity and other topics including nuclear power and war. She is the author of three award-winning poetry books, and her prose memoir "Body Toxic" was a New York Times Notable Book of the Year for 2001.

Also produced by an English department faculty member is "Pocket Animals" (Egress Studio Press, \$12.95, Jan. 2003), a collection of poetry by lecturer **James Bertolino**. Bertolino says he uses unusual imagery and surprising twists of language to create moments of openness for readers. Bertolino also has a long list of prose publications, but he says "poetry is my primary involvement, my art."

Physical education, health and recreation faculty have also recently released texts.

Professor **Roy Clumpner's** book "Sport Progressions" (Human Kinetics Press, \$19, January 2003) presents teaching skills for coaches of eight different sports, including football and volleyball.

Professor **Ralph Vernacchia** has written "Inner Strength: The Mental Dynamics of Athletic Performance" (Warde Publishing, spring 2003), a book outlining his approach to enhancing mental skills and improving personal performance. His model focuses on what he calls the "Four Cs:" concentration, confidence, composure and commitment.

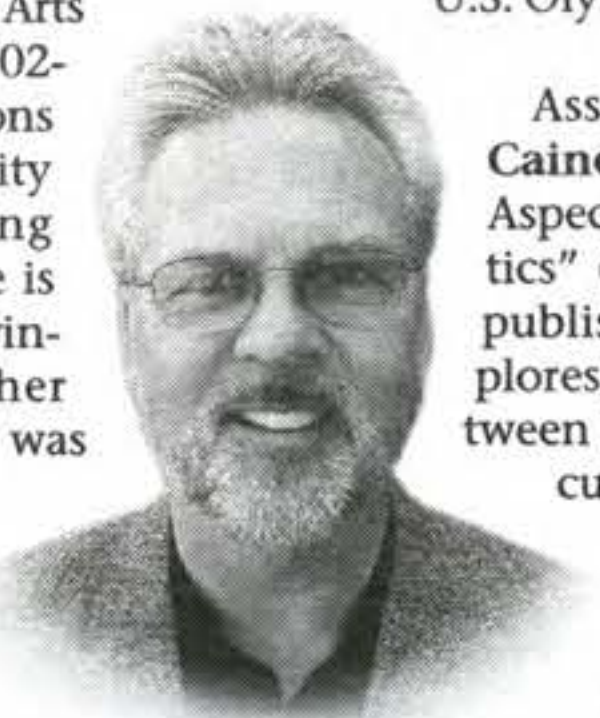
For the past three years, Vernacchia has taught a Peak Performance class, open to the public, which has helped both competitive athletes and ordinary people improve performance.

Vernacchia has given presentations to several community groups and has worked as a sports psychologist for the U.S. Olympic track and field team.

Associate professor **Dennis Caine** had his book "Scientific Aspects of Women's Gymnastics" (Karger Publishers, \$147) published in October. He explores how to bridge the gap between both the science and the culture of the sport.

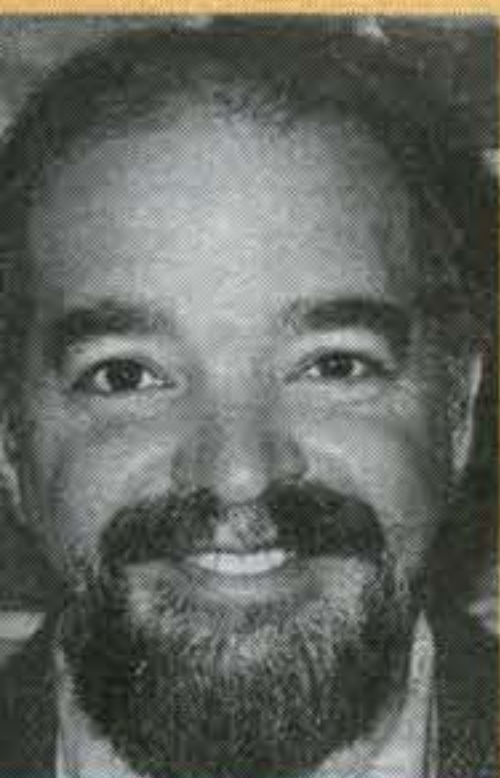
The book incorporates more than 20 years of Caine's research on injuries and growth of gymnasts. Caine, a consultant for U.S.A. Gymnastics' Sports Science Referral Network, also serves on the review board for the Clinical Journal of Sport Medicine and for The Physician and Sportsmedicine, a medical journal.

Chair of the PEHR department **Kathleen Knutzen** released the second edition of her textbook "Biomechanical Basis of Human Movement" in February (Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, \$69.95).



Dennis Caine

WWU's Alan Gally wins Bancroft Award



Alan Gally

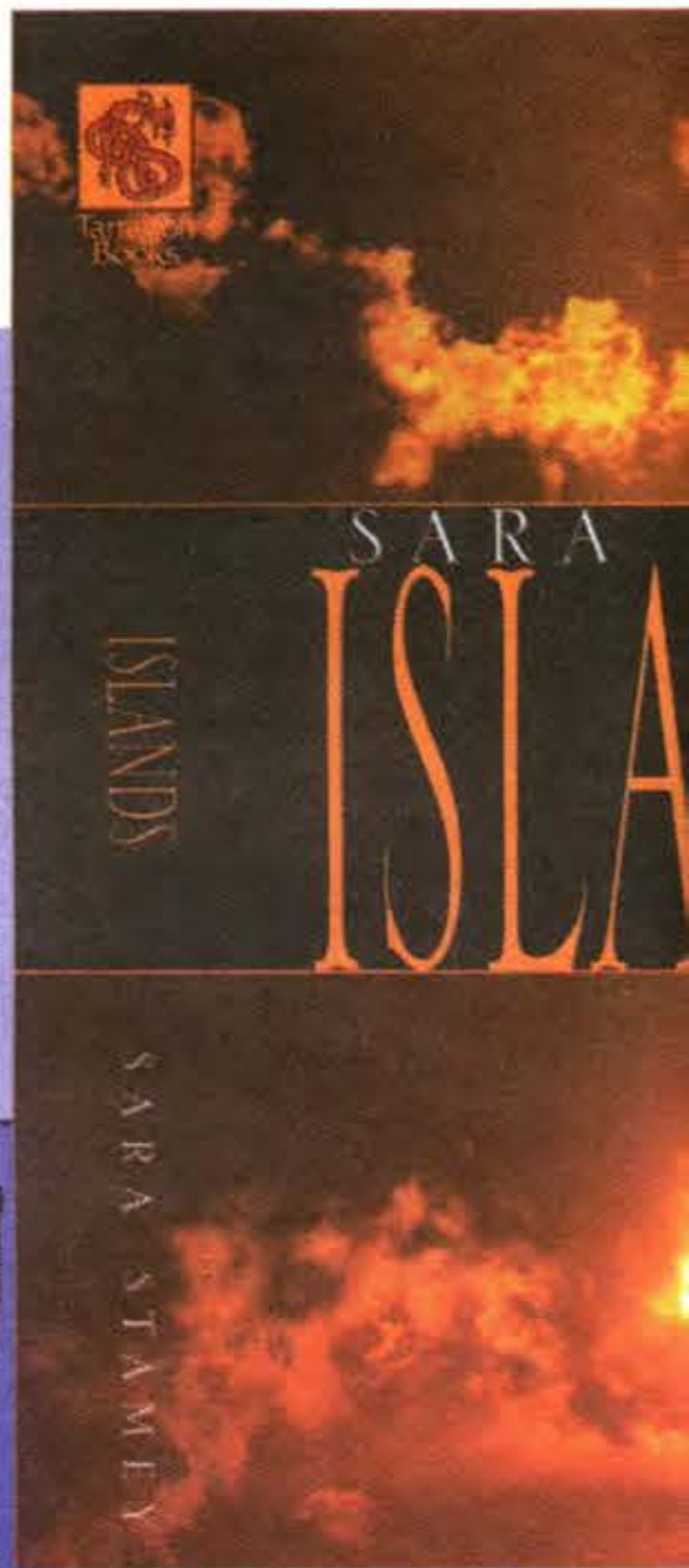
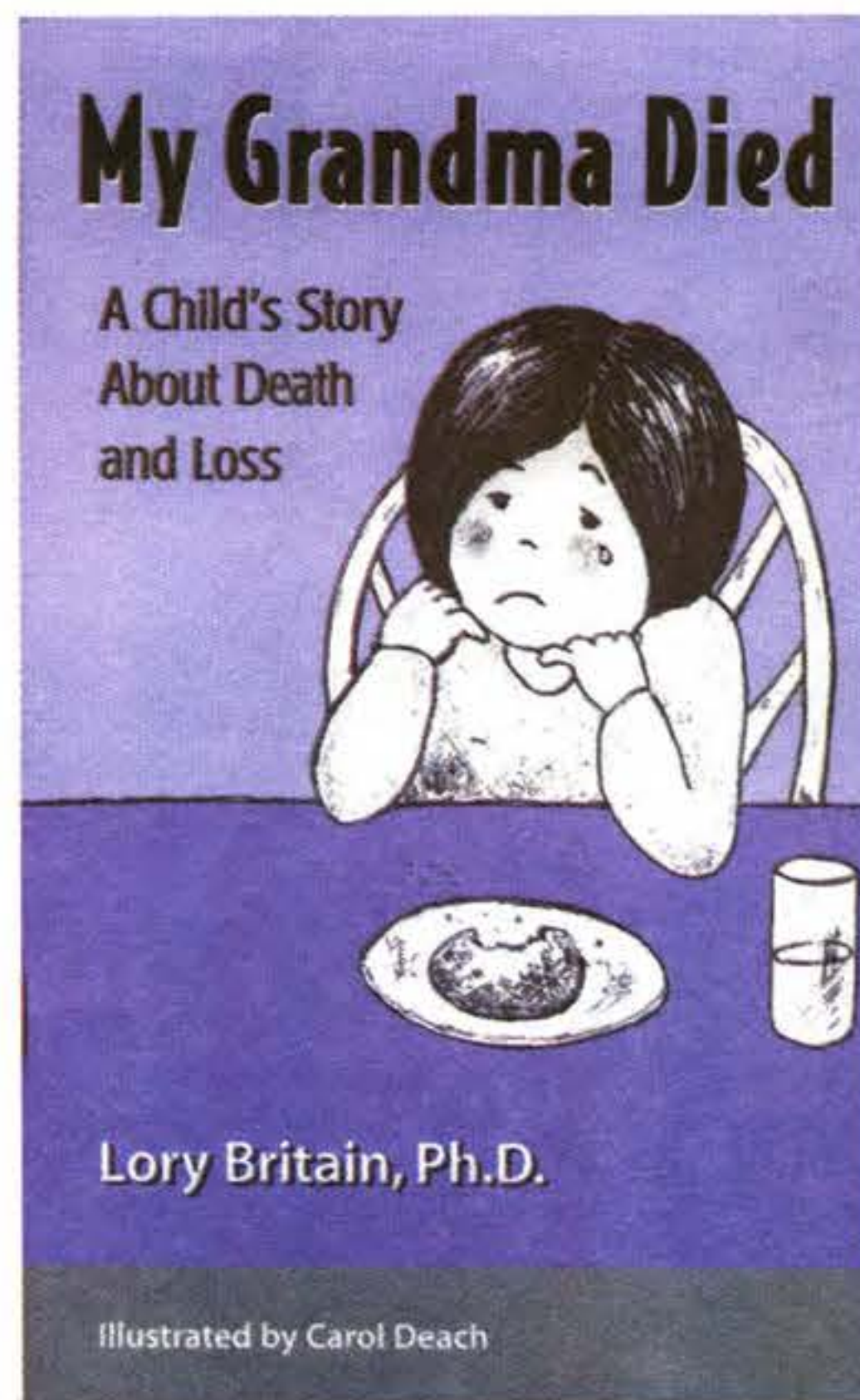
History professor **Alan Gally** has won Columbia University's prestigious Bancroft Prize for his latest book on Native American studies, "The Indian Slave Trade: the Rise of the English Empire in the American South, 1670-1717" (Yale University Press).

The Bancroft is presented annually to authors of books of exceptional merit and distinction in the fields of American history, biography or diplomacy by Columbia University trustees. Gally's book also received recognition from Choice Magazine as an Outstanding Academic Title for 2002 and in the Oct. 4 edition of the Times Literary Supplement.

Gally's book is the first ever to focus on the traffic of Indian slaves during the early years of the American South. Twelve years in the making, it documents how the trade operated, the processes by which Europeans and Native Americans became participants, and the intense consequences for the South and its residents.

His other books include "The Formation of a Planter Elite: Jonathan Bryan and the Southern Colonial Frontier," "Voices of the Old South: Eyewitness Accounts, 1528-1861" and "The Colonial Wars of North America, 1512-1763."

Gally has been at Western since 1988.



Book covers from alumni authors/William Dietrich and Sara Stamey

Experience, travel inspire books

By **Stephanie Kitchens**
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

With topics ranging from Antarctic murders to biographies of deaf Americans, WWU alumni authors pull from personal experience to give life to their work.

Award-winning journalist **William Dietrich** ('73), named a WWU Exemplary Alumnus during Western's Centennial, has just published his fifth book, "Natural Grace." In this book, Dietrich takes his readers on a tour of the Pacific Northwest, promoting overlooked elements of nature.

In addition to "Natural Grace," Dietrich has published four other books and is working on his sixth.

"Dark Winter," released last December, tells the story of a group of scientists stranded at a research base in Antarctica with an unknown killer. His first novel, "Ice Reich," was also inspired by a trip to Antarctica.

His second novel, "Getting Back," is a tale of survival and romance in the Australian Outback of the future.

As a journalist, Dietrich's journeys have taken him from the South Pole and the inside of an igloo to aircraft carriers and a Trident submarine. He has received many journalism awards, including the Pu-

litzer Prize for his *Seattle Times* coverage of the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

His next thriller will explore the conflict between wilderness and civilization. Dietrich's earlier non-fiction books on environmental issues are "The Final Forest" and "Northwest Passage."

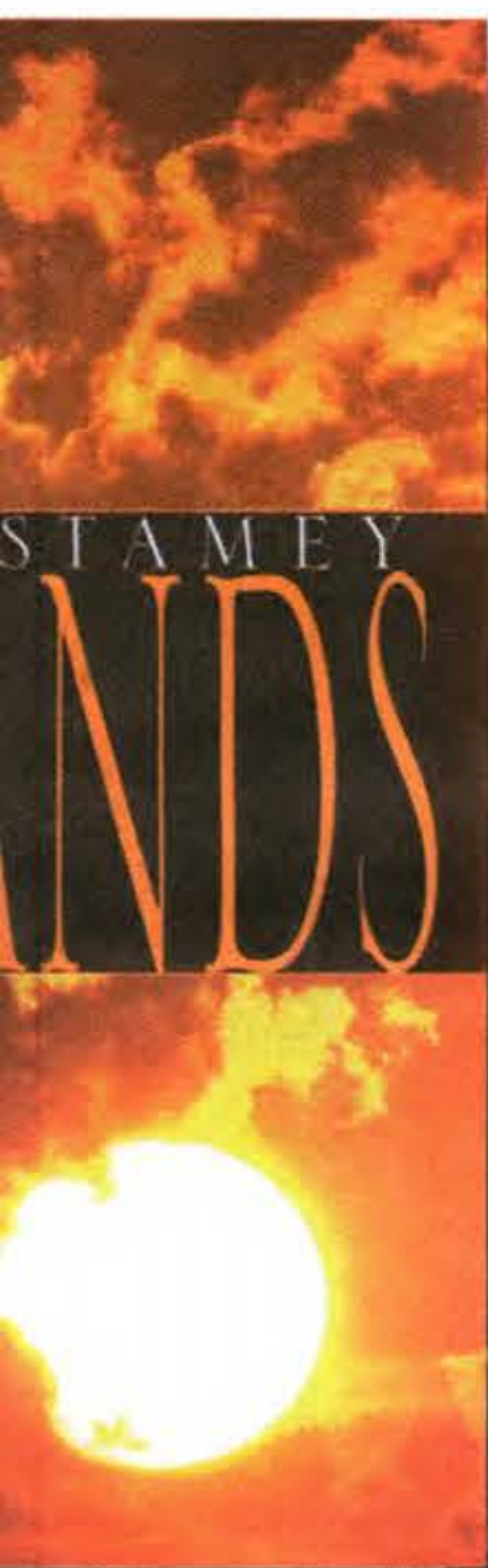
Sara Stamey's journey to the Caribbean islands makes her recent novel, "Islands," a story about bloodthirsty cults and sunken treasures set in the Caribbean, come alive.

Stamey ('81), a creative-writing instructor at Western and a free-lance editor, has traveled across the world. She has taught scuba diving in the Caribbean and Honduras, journeyed across Greece and South America, owned a farm in Chile and operated a nuclear reactor at Hanford. Her journeys, like Dietrich, have influenced her writing.

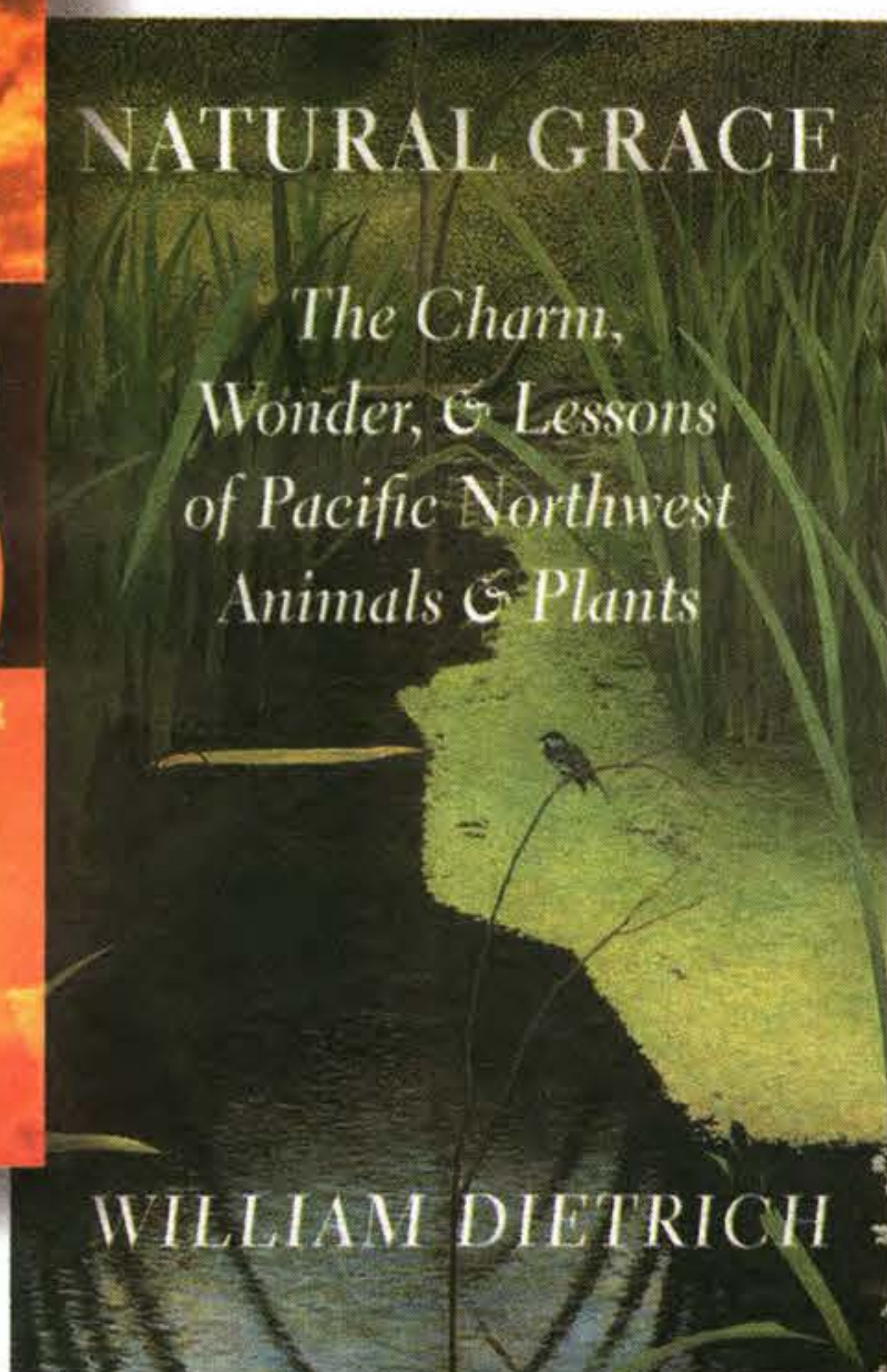
Mike Hawley ('74), author of the detective story "Double Bluff" and the sheriff of Island County, brings his 15 years of experience in law enforcement into his writing.

He has also written "Silent Proof," slated to be released this year. Another novel entitled "Verbal Warning" is in the making and due to be released in 2004.

Ron Podmore ('91), who is deaf, and **Carol Deach** ('97), who has bipolar disease, were prompted to create literature because of their disabilities.



Illustrators Carol Deach,



Level, imagination ks by alumni

Podmore, 35, now teaches American Sign Language to hearing-impaired students at Decatur High School.

He has published two books inspired by his personal experience and that of others he has met who also have hearing impairments. His first book, "Signs in Success: Profiles of Deaf Americans," details biographies of deaf Americans, including the Academy Award-winning actress Marlee Matlin.

His second book, "A Sign to Remember," was released in 2002 and tells the story of a 15-year-old who is hearing-impaired and feels alienated from other students because of his hearing aids.

Deach, diagnosed with bipolar disease in 1995, has used her talent in drawing to keep herself focused. Her illustrations grace the book by Lory Britain, "My Grandma Died: A Child's Story about Grief and Loss."



Illustrator
Carol Deach

Deach has years of experience working with the physically, mentally or emotionally needy that contributed to the illustrations she drew for this book. She is a certified therapeutic riding instructor for the developmentally and physically disabled and is learning Spanish to help students for whom English is a second language.

A native of Guemes Island, Deach now lives on Camano Island.

Georgie Bright Kunkel's 82 years and the ailments that have come with them inspired her to write a memoir of her early life, "You're Damn Right I Wear Purple: Color Me Feminist." Kunkel ('44) included two humorous essays about aging.

Kunkel has been involved in a video premier "Homage on the Hill" in which she and several other elderly women were interviewed and honored. She has also completed a manuscript of her husband's memoirs from World War II, which is now ready for final editing and publishing.

The Resurrectionists

Michael Collins of the English department had his novel "The Resurrectionists" (Scribner, November, \$24), chosen as "Novel of the Year" by the Pacific Northwest Bookseller's Association.

A story of survival and redemption in blue-collar America during the late 1970s, Collins' novel, published in 20 languages, won an award for the best novel published in France in 2002. It is being made into a major motion picture.

He also will have an essay about his experiences as a participant in the Everest Challenge marathon included in an anthology called "Pilgrimages."

OFF the Shelf

More books, poetry and books in progress

Assistant professors Stan Tag (Fairhaven College) and Paul Piper (Wilson Library) have co-authored "Father Nature: Fathers as Guides to the Natural World" (University of Iowa Press, \$39.95) to be released in June. They will have a reading at Village Books on Father's Day.

Martin Osborne, a computer science professor, had the second edition of his textbook "Java, A Framework for Program Design and Data Structure" (Brooks/Cole, \$76.95) released last year.

Political science professors Kenneth Hoover and Todd Donovan will have the eighth edition of their nationally used text "The Elements of Social Scientific Thinking" (Thomson/Wadsworth, \$20.95) released in July.

Hoover will also have his book "Economics as Ideology: Keynes, Laski, Hayek, and the Creation of Contemporary Politics" (Rowman and Littlefield, Inc., \$24.95) published this August.

Laurie Ford, project director of the Center for Continuing Rehabilitation, had her 1995 textbook "Providing Employment Support for People with Long-Term Mental Illness: Choices, Resources, and Practical Strategies" (Paul H. Brookes Publishing Company) reissued in a Korean translation in 2002 by Psychiatric Rehabilitation Company.

Judy Deiro, human services lecturer at the Seattle-Marshall School site, is in the process of rewriting her book "Teaching with Heart" (Corwin Press, 1996). She hopes to be finished with the revisions this summer or fall.

Several authors contributed work to the Bellingham Review, a non-profit literary arts magazine, in November. English professor Brenda Miller, English department lecturers Jim Bertolino and Nancy Pagh and librarian Paul Piper were among the authors published.

Testing center planning analyst Gary McKinney had his novel "If You Want to Get to Heaven" put into print by local publisher Kearney Street Books last fall. The story is about a young man battling cerebral palsy while traveling with his brother's rock-and-roll band.

Former university president Jerry Flora, along with a group of retired Western affiliates (Don Brown, Harvey Gelder, George Lamb, David Marsh, Al Nickelson, Irwin Slesnick, Stewart Van Wingerden and Loren Webb), is preparing a book on the history of Western. A draft of the tentatively titled "WWU - As It Was" is available in the library. People interested in contributing to the book should contact Tamara Belts in the Office of Special Collections at (360) 650-3193.

Eric Denson, assistant director of the student counseling center, had his book, "A Student's Guide to College Success: Peak Performances in Class and Life" (Thomson Wadsworth, \$40.95) released in its second edition in December. It has been used recently in a PEHR course and provides tools for student-athletes to use to excel in both the classroom and on the field.

Orion Polinsky ('03), has written "A Biodiesel Handbook," filled with information about the renewable, biodegradable and clean alternative to petroleum diesel.



Brenda Miller



Todd Donovan

Jeanne Yeasting and Jim Bertolino of the English department both had poems published in "March Hares: The Best Poems from Fine Madness, 1982-2002" (\$17.95) last fall. The collection was voted Most Significant Contribution by a Press or Individual at Seattle's Bumbershoot Bookfair.

Psychology professor emeritus Walter Lonner, department chair Dale Dinnel, and associate professors Susanna Hayes and David Sattler have compiled an online collection of readings for the Center for Cross-Cultural Research. Communication professor Jianglong Wang is among the published authors. The collection, found at www.ac.wvu.edu/~culture/readings.htm, is free and available to students and professors in classrooms worldwide.

Administrative services manager for Woodring College of Education and WWU alumna Carole Morris ('94) published a history of the Mount Baker Theatre last April in celebration of its 75th anniversary. She also produces the Journal of the Whatcom County Historical Society each year.

Spanish professor and director of the language media center John Underwood had his textbook for advanced Spanish conversation published by McGraw-Hill early this year, titled "Hablando de Cine: Conversación Avanzada."



Photo courtesy of The Picture Man

Jerry Flora

Four honored with annual awards Seattle city councilman, mountaineer and geology educators named distinguished alumni for 2003

By Kathy Sheehan
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Seattle City Councilman **Richard J. McIver** ('76) has received the 2003 Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from the WWU Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association also honored with separate Distinguished Alumni Awards mountain climber **Carlos Buhler** ('78) and the geology teaching team of **Suzanne Beske-Diehl** ('72) and **Jimmy Diehl** ('68, '72).

"These four outstanding graduates have distinguished themselves as teachers, researchers, collaborators, leaders and lifelong learners," said WWU President Karen W. Morse. "Western is proud to honor them for their achievements and service to the community."

Richard McIver

McIver, a Fairhaven College graduate, has been a local and national leader in the fields of housing, community and economic development, planning and urban renewal. He is executive director of the Washington Association for Community Economic Development, a coalition of community-based nonprofits working to revitalize disadvantaged communities.

The annual Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes McIver's 30-year history of achievement in creating housing and job opportunities in Washington and across the nation.

McIver's private and non-profit sector experience includes his position as development director at the Tacoma Housing Authority a decade ago. He was also director of the Community and Economic Development Assistance Center in Washington, D.C., and of rehabilitation advisory services for the National League of Cities in the 1980s.

He was employed by the city of Seattle's Planning and Community Development Department from 1967 to 1980 and worked as a private management consultant from 1984 to 1991.

McIver is a "true member of the community, one who has spent his life working to help those members of our society who are less fortunate than others," said **Larry Taylor** ('72).

McIver was appointed to a vacancy on the Seattle City Council in January 1997 and was subsequently elected and re-elected to four-year terms. He serves as chairman of the council's Housing, Human Services and Community Development Committee.

Carlos Buhler

Buhler, a graduate of Huxley College of the Environment, was designated "Best of the Best Mountaineers" by EverestNews.com last year and has been an informal ambassador for Western as he scaled more than 100 of the world's tallest peaks.

He was photographed on Mount Everest in Tibet and K2 in China, the world's highest and second highest mountains, holding a Huxley College flag.

Buhler is the first North American to have climbed four of the world's 14 peaks over 26,250 feet. Buhler, who is also a motivational speaker, was recognized not only for his climbing ability, but his success in using small, efficient teams and lightweight tactics that are friendly to the environment and the local community.

"He is a leader in converting the sport of alpine climbing from an assault mentality to one of group centered, strategic planning; mutual respect between climbers and sherpas; use of high tech gear; and best environmental practices," said nominator **Ted Mischaikov** ('88), a member of the Western Washington University Foundation board and the Alumni Association board of directors.

Buhler lives in Bozeman, Mont., and travels the country consulting on organizational development and managerial expertise with two primary presentations, "Product and Process: The Path to Excellence" and "Greater Results with Fewer Resources: The Commitment to Efficiency."

Jimmy Diehl and Suzanne Beske-Diehl

Buhler's quest for excellence and his commitment to teaching others is shared by co-recipients Jimmy Diehl and Suzanne Beske-Diehl, geophysics and geology professors at Michigan Technological University.

The couple, who met at WWU while pursuing master's degrees in geology, has shared a single faculty position for nearly 25 years at MTU where they established a Ph.D.-level research program in paleomagnetism and applied rock magnetism.

Both have received numerous National Science Foundation research grants and were instrumental in obtaining NSF funding for a state-of-the-art environmental magnetism laboratory at MTU.

"They are a team in all aspects of their professional as well as personal lives," said geology professor emeritus

Myrl Beck, who noted that the concept of a shared academic appointment was largely anathema 25 years ago.

"It is only fitting that they jointly receive this award because their successes have evolved out of their astonishing ability to work together," added Robert Mitchell, associate professor of geology at WWU who attained his master's and Ph.D. degrees at MTU under Beske-Diehl and Diehl.

"They have been an inspiration in my life and I directly give credit to them for nurturing my passion for learning," he said.

Among his many honors as a scientist and teacher, Jimmy Diehl was named "Outstanding Teacher" at MTU in 1995 and served as associate editor for the Journal of Geophysical Research from 1994 to 1997.

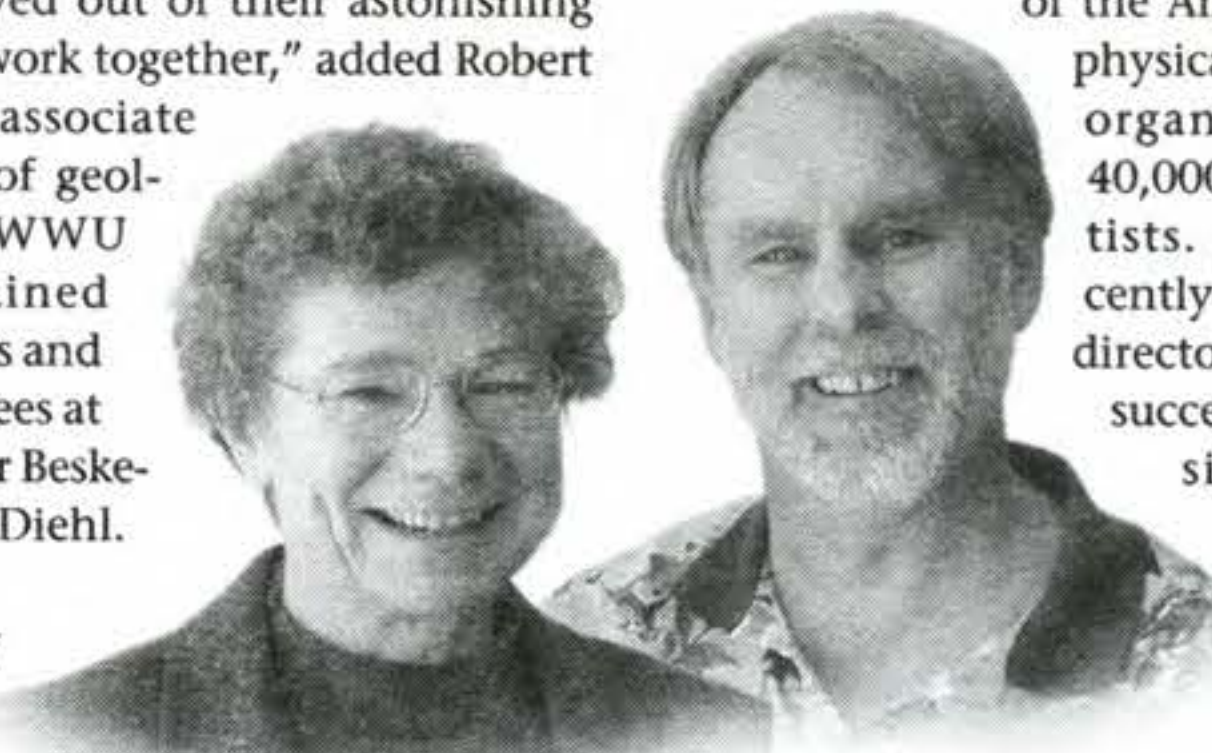
At MTU, Suzanne Beske-Diehl was associate dean at the College of Engineering from 1994 to 1997 and spearheaded the establishment of a Presidential Commission for Women on campus in 1992, which brought an awareness of gender and racial diversity issues to the campus and creation of a child care center.

"I think she changed the culture in the college through her effective advocacy," said Fredrick J. Dobney, former provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at MTU.

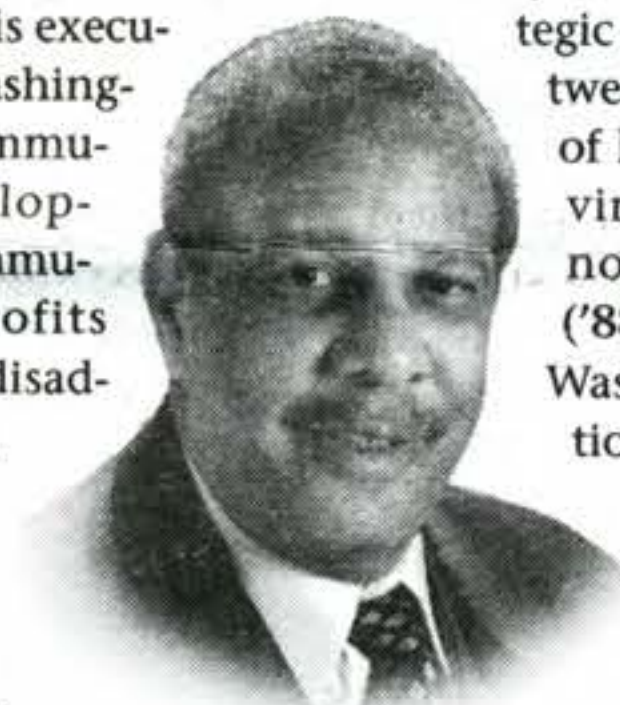
She has been secretary of the Geomagnetism and Paleomagnetism section of the American Geophysical Union, an organization of 40,000 earth scientists. She has recently been named director for faculty success and diversity for the College of Engineering and is organizing a mentoring program for new assistant professors.

The couple is also involved in community service in Houghton, Mich., where Jimmy Diehl has served as treasurer for a youth swimming team and coach for an after-school program called Odyssey of the Mind.

The four were to be honored at a May 2 banquet.



Distinguished alumni:
Suzanne Beske-Diehl and Jimmy Diehl



Richard McIver



Carlos Buhler with a Huxley flag on top of Mount Everest in 1983.

Scholarship recipient: Lisa Hobbs

Lisa Hobbs, a senior from Redmond, is the recipient of the Alumni Association's Lifetime Member Scholarship, a renewable scholarship of \$3,000 a year.

She is one of more than 20 students attending Western this year on Alumni Association scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000. The scholarships are funded by generous WWU alumni and other supporters who contribute to Alumni Association scholarship programs.

Hobbs' Lifetime Member Scholarship is funded through the dues of life members of the Alumni Association.

A graphics design major, Hobbs said the scholarship has fueled her interest in contributing to the community after she graduates in 2004. Hobbs said she hopes to one day teach art to low-

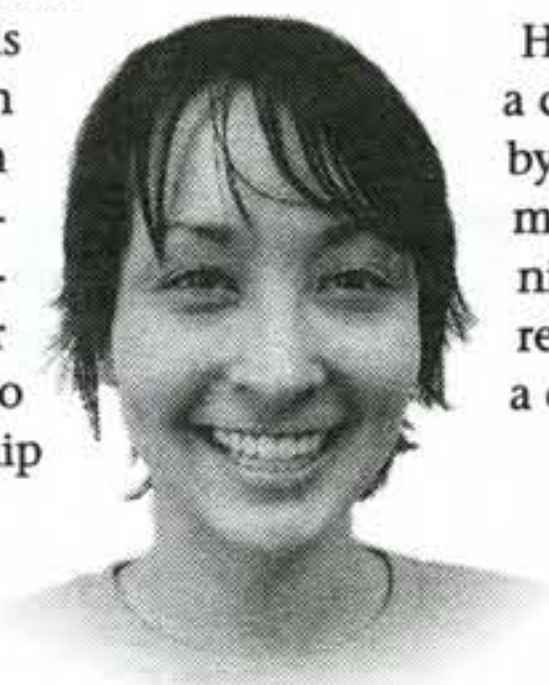
income children, perhaps by forming a non-profit organization that would offer art scholarships.

"I want to give kids like me the opportunity to learn about art," she said.

Hobbs said her push to get a college degree was spurred by her parents, especially her mother, Shirley, who was denied promotions in her career because she didn't have a college degree.

"Going to college not only fulfills my dream but hers as well," she said.

For more information on Alumni Association scholarships, or to learn about the benefits of becoming a Lifetime Member of the Alumni Association, contact Kathleen Howard at Alumni Relations, (800) 676-6885. Or send an e-mail to alumni@wwu.edu.



Lisa Hobbs

"Golden Vikings" return to campus for June reunion

More than 1,500 graduates from the Class of 1910 to the Class of 1954, are invited to return to campus June 20-22 for a weekend of "Golden Memories," the theme for this year's reunion.

The exciting weekend of activities features induction into The Golden Vikings Society, our newest alumni group, which honors those who have been WWU alumni for 50 years or more.

The Alumni Association will also be recognizing members of the Class of 1943 (60 years), 1948 (55 years) and 1953 (50 years) at the reunion as well as members of the Class of 1954, who will become members of The Golden Vikings Society next year.

Reunion Committee members will be calling you in May to chat about your "Golden Memories" at Western. If you have not received information about the reunion to date, please contact Kristie Lundstrom at Alumni House, (800) 676-6885.

Committee members for the reunion include Kathleen "Kappy" Britain ('52), Britt Marie Selander Lee ('53), Dick Pedersen ('52), James and Persis Shook ('51 '50), Ruby Johnson Smith ('51) and Cecil and June Thomas ('51).



Golden VIKINGS

Alumnus, Pew fellow is keynote speaker at Scholars Week

Mark Shetabi ('93), winner of a \$50,000 Pew Fellowship in the Arts late last year, returns to campus to keynote the fourth annual Scholars Week, May 16-18, which celebrates the importance of undergraduate research and creative activity at Western.

The Bellingham native lives in Philadelphia where he works in the editorial and graphics department of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

There were 300 applications for the annual Pew award, which focuses on artists and writers at a crucial time in their careers "when concentration on growth and exploration is most likely to have the greatest impact on long-term professional development."

Although primarily known as a painter, Shetabi's recent work has been installation art. He was given the award for his installation, "The Oasis," a simu-

lated office hallway with a drop ceiling. In the hallway are several locked doors with peepholes revealing interior spaces of a metaphorical nature.

He has exhibited extensively in various galleries in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut as well as the Whatcom Museum of History and Art while a Western student. He received his MFA from the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in 1996.

Shetabi has described his works as "located in the space between art and science." Having grown up in a family in which discussion of medicine and science were commonplace, he has said, "I feel comfortable using the somewhat objective language and forms of science to explore the subjective terrain of art."

For more information about Scholars Week, call (360) 650-6578 or go to <http://www.wwu.edu/~scholars>

You can be a mentor!

Alumni mentors have impact on current WWU students

Do you want to have an impact on current Western students? A new program matches WWU graduates and community members with a current Western student interested in pursuing a similar career path.

The alumni/community mentors volunteer to help students successfully transition from graduation to their chosen professions. After the Alumni Office matches students with mentors, it is the student's responsibility to contact his/her mentor.

WWU's Career Services Center will collaborate in the program, advising sophomores and juniors on various career paths and graduating seniors on interview techniques and resume development. Mentors also may invite their students to "job shadow" them for a day.

For more information about how you can become a mentor, contact Susan Bakse, director of Alumni Programs and Outreach: (360) 650-7283 or susan.bakse@wwu.edu

Parents play an active role as partners and ambassadors

More than 150 parents of current Western students are participating in activities to support WWU's student population.

Members of the Parent Volunteer Group act as ambassadors to parents of prospective students and encourage business contacts to learn more about Western's corporate partnership opportunities.

Levels of involvement vary from playing an active role welcoming parents of

prospective students during family weekends to developing new opportunities for students.

Some members of the Parent Volunteer Group also host events in their homes to introduce university representatives to potential supporters.

For more information about the group, contact Anna Carey at New Student Programs/Family Outreach, (360) 650-3846 or acarey@wwu.edu

Home economics reunion will kick off Homecoming, Oct. 18-26

The theme was "Gone But Not Forgotten" in 1995. At the first home economics department reunion, hats were the centerpieces, and the day was filled with memories.

It's time once again to reunite alumni, faculty and staff Oct. 18 for the second reunion since the department closed a decade ago.

The reunion will coincide with the opening of the Western Gallery exhibition featuring "A Painting for Over the

Sofa" (That's not necessarily a painting.). Nine sofas from the Western chair collection will also be part of the exhibit.

The gallery is also installing 50 prime examples of the famed chair collection in an adjacent room as a permanent exhibit.

The home economics reunion will kick off the weeklong 2003 Homecoming activities. Look for more information about Homecoming in the next issue.

New faculty bring their research to teaching

By Kathy Sheehan
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

New faculty at Western often hit the ground running when they arrive on campus in September.

Such is the case with three newly arrived researchers and teachers who have received research funds to explore writing and language systems in Africa, dolphin behavior in Costa Rica and machine learning, a type of artificial intelligence.

Jianna Jian Zhang

Jianna Jian Zhang, an assistant professor of computer science, is working on two projects involving machine learning. One is a learning model that involves teaching a computer how to pronounce Chinese words correctly so it can then teach WWU students Chinese pronunciation.

The Chinese Language Learning Model would be a type of virtual environment that students could use to practice what they learn in the classroom. Zhang and two other faculty members at Western, Janet Zhiqun Xing and James Hearne, have applied for a National Science Foundation grant to build the practice environment and support student research.

Zhang, who has a Ph.D. from the University of Regina in Saskatchewan, Canada, also brings her expertise in robotic research and machine learning to campus.

Earlier this year, she bought a \$200 "intelligent" vacuum cleaner to give graduate students experience working on a practical computer science problem involving robotics.

The disc-like household tool moves around the floor without human assistance, picking up dirt and dust at the flick of a switch. It changes direction if it bumps into a table leg or someone's foot, but it's really not that smart, Zhang says, because it doesn't remember where it has cleaned already. It cleans the same space over and over again. Her students are working on "educating" the machine to remember where it has already cleaned.

"My dream is to apply machine learning technique to robotic research," Zhang says, and to create an Intelligent Robotic Lab for undergraduate education at Western with internal and external funding.

Fallou Ngom

In the department of modern and classical languages, students are learning about the history and evolution of French and African languages from Fallou Ngom, an assistant professor of French and linguistics who joined the faculty in September after receiving his Ph.D. in French linguistics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Ngom, who grew up in an urban area of Senegal, is conducting pioneering research into the linguistic and cultural implications of colonization, Islamization and Christianity on sub-Saharan languages.

Many African languages have been wrongly classified as Arabic, he said, because the European scholars who first

studied them thought the writing systems were the same or similar to Arabic.

"There is a lot of literature that is buried, that is unknown," Ngom said. "People don't realize that it exists."

He is currently studying, with a grant from WWU's Bureau of Faculty Research, how French, English and Arabic speakers have influenced the grammar of his native Wolof, the language spoken by 80 percent of the people in Senegal.

Other cultures have influenced Wolof and other African languages so much that they are losing many of their characteristics, he said.

For example, most European languages describe actions in the three tenses: past, present and future. However, Wolof speakers talk only about actions that are completed and actions that are not completed, and they focus more on the manner in which the action was conducted (quickly, while talking, without assistance, etc.).

But even those aspects of the language are changing as more international citizens live in Senegal, especially for people in urban centers who now speak a language Ngom calls "Urban Wolof."

"In Urban Wolof, we are losing many aspects as a result of the influence of European languages," he says.

A. Acevedo-Gutiérrez

In the biology building, Alejandro Acevedo-Gutiérrez, assistant professor of biology and science education, is involving undergraduates in a research project in the San Juan Islands this summer.

Acevedo-Gutiérrez is an international scientist and educator who specializes in the study of cetacean (whales and dolphins) behavior in relation to the environment. He was featured in the Academy-Award-nominated IMAX film, *Dolphins*, and was named National Hispanic Scientist of the Year in 2001 by the Museum of Science and Industry in Tampa, Fla.

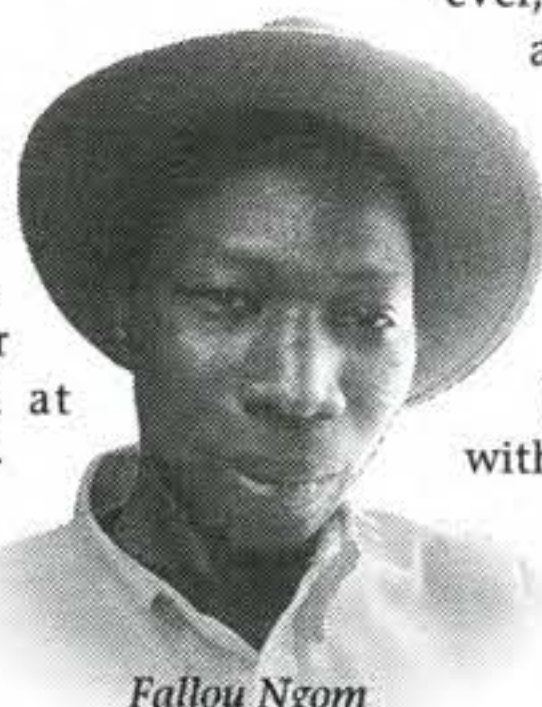
The marine ecologist, who also has a grant from the BFR, will have two undergraduates helping him collect data on marine predators (seabirds, seals and sea lions) in Puget Sound this summer. Scientists from the Northwest Fisheries Science Center will be collaborating on a long-term study of the response of these predators to varying fish densities in the water.

Later in the summer, Acevedo-Gutiérrez will travel to Costa Rica for an EarthWatch-funded study of dolphins in Gandoca-Manzanillo, a wildlife refuge. He will be the principal investigator of a study aimed at determining whether two distinct species of dolphin, bottlenose and tucuxi, are producing hybrid offspring.

Hybrids are common among dolphins in captivity, but scientists have confirmed through genetic testing only two types of cetaceans that produce hybrids in the wild: whales and porpoises.

Acevedo-Gutiérrez says he suspects the Costa Rican bottlenose and tucuxi are producing hybrid offspring in the wild as well. "We just haven't confirmed it yet," he said.

Acevedo-Gutiérrez says one of his long-term goals is to set up a regular research program in the Costa Rican wildlife refuge where WWU students could study marine ecology and animal behavior. His Ph.D. in wildlife and fisheries sciences is from Texas A&M University.



Fallou Ngom



Jianna Jian Zhang



Alejandro Acevedo-Gutiérrez teaches youngsters about science.

Courtesy photo

PARTNERS in EXCELLENCE

WESTERN

PARTNERSHIPS

Proud alumni promote WWU at the workplace

By Robin Duranleau
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Key partnerships among Western alumni, the university and leading Puget Sound businesses are growing stronger than ever through the efforts of many alumni working within their corporations.

Alumni at Microsoft, Starbucks and Moss Adams, for instance, are expanding their partnerships with Western by mentoring, advising and providing internships for students, serving as guest lecturers and speakers in classrooms and recruiting new employees on campus.

Alumni at those organizations create scholarships, provide software and other learning resources to students and faculty and tell their non-alumni colleagues about opportunities that benefit both Western and the company.

Moss Adams LLP accounting firm, with nearly five dozen WWU alumni counted as employees, has hired more new graduates from Western in the last four years than from any other West Coast university. It is also one of the biggest corporate supporters of Western's accounting program.

Rick Anderson ('73), president and chief operating officer, and **Russ Wilson** ('79), managing partner of the Bellingham office, say they are pleased with the high quality graduates Western's accounting department produces.

The two Moss Adams partners presented WWU President Karen W. Morse with a \$30,000 check in January to add to their already-established endowment, which helps purchase research services, fund student awards and enhance faculty teaching and research for Western's accounting department.

"We hope our contributions help ensure the quality education that I and many of my partners and associates received," Wilson said. "I see the results of our efforts every day, reflected in the Western graduates working at Moss Adams."

Moss Adams also sponsors the Seattle Business Forum and supports the Beta Alpha Psi chapter on campus by hosting meetings, dinners and informal socials between students and Moss Adams employees.

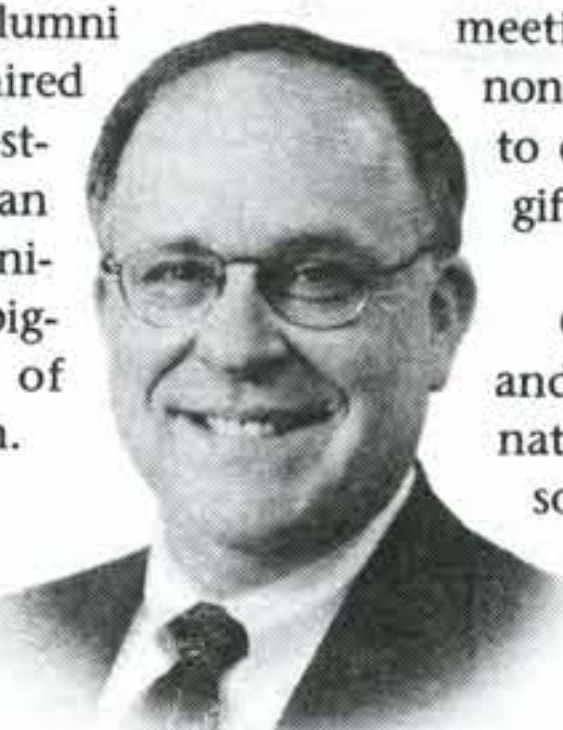
Alumni at Microsoft, who number more than 300, are also major partners with Western, especially through the company's matching-gift donation program.

Microsoft software design engineer **Brian Daugherty** ('84) became involved with the company's matching gift program nearly six years ago when he created a Web community for WWU graduates to publicize the matching gift program internally at Microsoft. Former WWU trustee **David Cole**, ('84/'86), senior vice president for MSN and personal services, goes even further by hosting meetings of both alumni and non WWU alumni at Microsoft to encourage them to make gifts to Western, too.

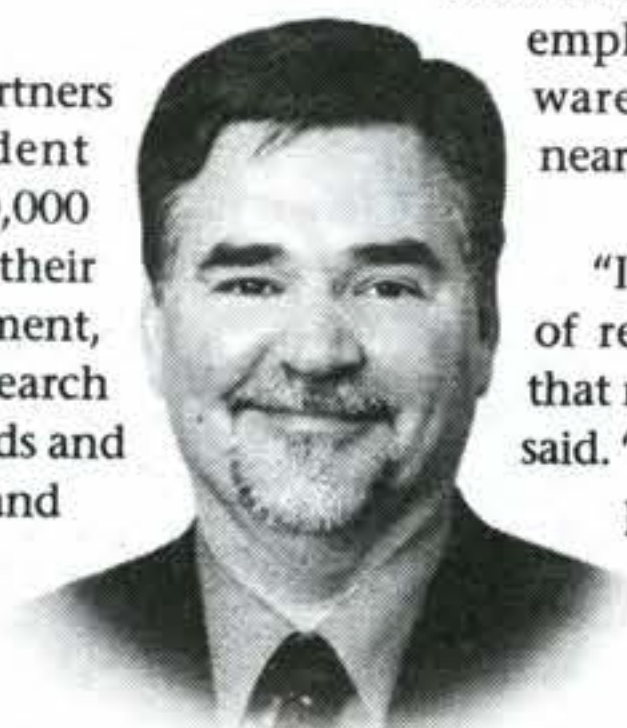
Over the years, Microsoft and its employees have donated \$8.4 million worth of software to Western. That includes recent contributions of Windows and Office XP, organized by **Jason Tafoya** ('91).

After last year's fire in the College of Business and Economics, Microsoft employees rounded up software replacements totaling nearly \$29,000.

"I know having a shortage of resources makes (college) that much harder," Daugherty said. "I'm glad to be able to help provide resources."



Rick Anderson ('73) is president and COO of Moss Adams, headquartered in Seattle.



Russ Wilson ('79) is managing partner of Moss Adams Bellingham office.

the opportunity to have contributions matched by the international coffee company, up to \$1,000.

Organ, who serves as advisory board vice chair of WWU's manufacturing and supply chain management program, wanted his involvement to target that program.

"This very strong and relevant program, built out of a partnership between industry and the university, deserved

Microsoft®

more funding for scholarships and programs than was available," Organ said. "By focusing on industry and graduates for donations, we have been able to raise \$50,000 to \$100,000 each year for Western."

The donations are used for scholarships, paid student programs, support for professors and software and materials to help keep the curriculum up-to-date.

Organ said he also feels donating helps maintain the high quality of work he sees in employees recruited from Western.

"Our fund raising truly creates a win-win situation," Organ said. "This helps the university attract top students to a high-caliber program, while industry benefits by hiring outstanding entry-level employees ready to contribute from their first day on the job."

Stephanie Bowers, vice president of University Advancement at Western, appreciates the role alumni play in assisting the university.

"Alumni have a tremendous impact on our programs, and these are some of the many who have gone above and beyond for Western," Bowers said.

"By creating and strengthening corporate relationships, both our students and the businesses that hire them benefit."

For more information about alumni corporate partnerships, contact Dave Brown, director of corporate and foundation relations, (360) 650-4485 or dave.brown@wwu.edu.



WWU alumni employed at Starbucks include (front row, left to right) **Denny Organ** ('73), **Amie Glaser** ('01) and **Ricardo Lin** ('99). Back row: **Justin Borgen** ('01), **Tim Osborn** ('01) and **Jon Foil** ('00).

Denny Organ talks up Western whenever he can. His boss, **Orin C. Smith**, president and CEO of Starbucks, was the keynote speaker at Western's sixth annual Seattle Business Forum in April. The event is presented by the Western Washington University Foundation to bring together WWU alumni and parents, corporate and civic leaders, and friends who are interested in the university and in business trends. Moss Adams and Key Bank are title sponsors.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

CALENDAR 2003

May

- 2** Alumni Association: Distinguished Alumni Awards banquet, VU
- 3** Alumni Association: Board meeting, on campus
- 3** Reunion: Human Services graduates, on campus
- 3** San Diego Alumni Chapter: Tour and dinner at the Marsten House
- 17** Alumni Association: Life Members cruise to Victoria, B.C.
- 24-25** Whatcom County Chapter and Student Alumni Association: Ski-to-Sea Festival participation
- 27** Seattle Alumni Chapter: Twisted Flicks Event

June

- 1** Summer Stock tickets on sale
- 13** Outstanding Graduating Senior Awards and Reception
- 17-28** Concert Choir tour of Bulgaria
- 20-22** Reunion for Classes 1952, '53, '54 and before, on campus
- 21** San Diego Alumni Chapter: Tailgate at the Padres/Mariners game
- 30** Woodring Hospitality Reception, WASA/AWSP Conference, Spokane

July

- 11** Summer Stock opens. Performances throughout the region through Aug. 23.

Fall Events

- Sept. 11** Key Bank/Viking Night Dinner and Sports Auction to raise scholarship funds for WWU student-athletes, 5 p.m. at Carver Gym. \$75 per person; \$500 for table of six; \$600 for table of eight. Tickets on sale now. Information: (360) 650-3109.
- Sept. 13** Seattle Alumni Chapter: Fall Send-off
- Sept. 23** WWU Convocation
- Sept. 26** Alumni Association: Night at the Mariners game

Homecoming: October 18-26

- Oct. 18-26** Homecoming activities
- Oct. 18** Reunion for home economics department and a sailing regatta at Lakewood
- Oct. 24** Fireworks, bonfire and live band
- Oct. 25** Homecoming football game against Central Washington University. Pre-game and post-game activities
- Oct. 26** Fun Run at new Recreation Building, to raise money for scholarships

TICKETS & INFORMATION

<http://calendar.wvu.edu>

Alumni events
(800) 676-6885

Athletics
(360) 650-3109

Box Office for PAC/Theatre Arts
(360) 650-6146

Theatre Arts/Summerstock
(360) 650-3879

Western Gallery Info Line
(360) 650-3900

Wilson Library Hours
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(360) 650-3049



Ralph Munro ('66),
former secretary of state

RALPH MUNRO SEMINAR for Teachers

July 14-18

The annual political science seminar is an intensive and interactive civic education course aimed at K-12 teachers. It features political insiders such as legislators, lobbyists, political consultants and media specialists who describe how the policies that shape our democracy

are made. \$550 for Washington residents (\$600 for non-residents) covers food, lodging, materials and tuition for two graduate credits.

For information, call (360) 650-3469.

Summer events to entice you to back to campus



Summer Session 2003
June 24-Aug. 22

Many courses open to current students, alumni and community members. For more information, call (360) 650-2841 or send e-mail to summer.session@wvu.edu. On the Web: <http://www.wvu.edu/~summer/>

Summer Stock 2003
July 11 -Aug. 23

This year's Summer Stock repertory theater features: *West Side Story*, *Cheaper by the Dozen*, *Boy Meets Girl*, *Comedy of Errors* and *GI Jukebox*. Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors* will tour throughout the region. (360) 650-3876.



Marrowstone MUSIC FESTIVAL

Marrowstone Music Festival
July 27-Aug. 17

Produced by the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestras, the festival brings 200 students and three dozen exceptional faculty to participate in intense musical study on campus and in a public concert series. (206) 362-2300. On the Web: <http://www.marrowstone.org>

WWU Summer Youth Programs
June 23-Aug. 8

Adventures in Science and Arts Summer Program provides a full week of in-depth investigation of a favorite topic in the arts or sciences for youthful scholars in grades 3-12. Students in grades 5-12 may experience college living by staying on campus in a residence hall or they may commute from home. **The Outdoor Adventure Program** is an action-packed week of outdoor learning for students in grades 6-12; and **College Quest** introduces students in grades 10-12 to college life and a sample college course in July. (360) 650-6822. On the Web: www.wvu.edu/~adventur/



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